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MEMORANDUM FOR: OGC Logistics and Procurement Division.
OL/Procurement Management Staff

FROM:

Chief, Legislation Staff, OLC

SUBJECT: Legislation Relating to Limits and Purchase Prices
for Goods and Services

1. During its consideration of the authorization bill for the Treasury Department and other Federal entities on 27 June, the Senate adopted an unprinted floor amendment relating to limiting prices which Federal agencies may pay to purchase goods and services. The language of the amendment is as follows:

"SEC. 615. None of the funds appropriated by this Act or any other Act shall be used to purchase goods and services the prices of which have risen in excess of the guidelines established by the Office of Federal Procurement Policy pursuant to the President's memorandum to the heads of executive departments and agencies dated May 18, 1978."

Note that the amendment concerns funds appropriated by any Act not just the Treasury appropriations Act.

2. The limitation on purchase prices for goods and services is pegged to a Presidential memorandum to the heads of Executive departments and agencies dated 18 May 1978. I presume the Agency received this memorandum. I am attaching pages from the 27 June Congressional Record containing the floor debate on this provision. If in the opinion of your office this provision is of concern to us, please so advise. If it is determined we should seek to have the provision amended, we will have to do so during the House/Senate conference which is likely to take place fairly soon after the Congress reconvenes on 10 July. Therefore, please let me have any thoughts you might have on this matter by Friday, 7 July.

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